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Program focuses on 'West Virginians First'

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley has announced the establishment of a massive, \$1 million-plus "West Virginians First!" program to make academic scholarships available to the state's brightest 2,000 high school seniors.

At the same time, he revealed letters were mailed before Christmas offering 1,200 high school seniors awards ranging from \$500 to \$3,240, along with a message: West Virginians come first. Another 800 letters will be mailed soon.

"Marshall's basic mission is to provide educational opportunities for qualified West Virginians--before anybody else--in every way we can," Gilley said. "We decided it was essential that we expand the number of academic scholarships available to good stu-

dents from our state. By giving that top priority and with generous support from private contributors, we are now able to assist more highly qualified West Virginians than ever before."

Eventually, the program is expected to enroll more than 1,000 young West Virginians at an annual cost exceeding \$1.25 million.

The *West Virginians First!* scholarship offers are being mailed to every senior who has achieved an ACT (American College Testing Service) composite score of 25 or higher. The offers are contingent on the students having high school grade point averages of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.

Gilley said parents, high school principals and guidance counselors also are being notified of individual students' potential eligibility for the scholarship awards.

As in the case of all Marshall academic scholarships, the *West Virginians First!* scholarship recipients may apply annually for renewal of the awards providing they maintain a 3.5 grade point average in their college work.

Scholarships are being offered on three levels:

- Merit Awards of \$500 to high school seniors with a 25 ACT composite score and a grade point average of at least 3.2.

- Presidential Scholarships of \$1,250 for those achieving ACT composite scores of 26 to 29 and a grade point average of at least 3.5.

- John Marshall Scholarships worth \$3,240 (including a tuition waiver) for those with ACT composite scores of 30 or higher and a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

"While extensive governmental assistance is available to
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Song will teach classes in U.S.-China relations

Yongxin Song, a law professor and former practicing attorney in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China, will serve as a visiting professor during the spring semester in Marshall University's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, according to Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of the Drinko Academy.

Song graduated from the Western Languages and Literature Department at Beijing University in 1970 and received his LL.M. degree in international law from Beijing University in 1983.

Prior to accepting the visiting professorship at Marshall, Song served as a visiting professor at Capital University's Law and Graduate Center in Columbus, Ohio, where he participated in the university's "Study Abroad at Home" program.

He was a visiting professor at the Indiana University School of Law during the 1986-87 and 1993 academic years and served as an associate professor in the Hangzhou University Department of Law from 1983 to 1993. He previously taught in the No. 3 Senior Middle School of Ningxia Hui Autonomous District in China.

Song practiced law for the Zhejiang Huaxia law firm from 1984 to 1993 where he served as director for foreign affairs and corporations.

He has served as director of the Chinese International Law Institute and is a member of the Chinese Law Institute, the Zhejiang Provincial Law Society and the Zhejiang Provincial Bar Association.

Song has written or co-authored six books and several articles for professional publications and journals on subjects dealing with international law.

While at Marshall, Song will teach courses dealing with U.S.-Chinese relations in the departments of Economics and Political Science.

In addition to the Drinko Academy, Song's visit to Marshall is being sponsored by the university's Office of Multicultural and
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Song

Turner receives award

Willa Mae Turner of Huntington, building service worker in the Plant Operations Division, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for December, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Turner has worked for the university for 24 years.

She was nominated for the award by Georgia Childers, supervisor of printing services, and several other Marshall staff members.

In making the nomination, Childers said, "Willa Mae is a dedicated employee. She had worked in Old Main for several years and during that period of time all offices were taken care of with pride. We missed her when she went to work in another building. She has now returned and our offices once again are clean and the restrooms are spotless.

"Her attitude toward her job and her fellow workers is outstanding. Willa is an asset to the university and should be rewarded."

Turner will receive a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley and his wife, Nanna, provided funds through a grant to establish the Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.



Turner

Activities scheduled for King Symposium

In an effort to broaden knowledge and perspectives about the ideals set forth by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., improve community relations and promote understanding and social justice, the area's second annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium will include a variety of activities over a three-day period, according to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall University.

The symposium, sponsored by Marshall University, the City of Huntington and the local chapter of the NAACP, will be held Jan. 16-18.

"Sharing the Dream and Sharing in the Dream" will be the theme for the event which will include the traditional candlelight march and memorial service, a workshop designed for students of all ages, a dramatic presentation by the Wheeling YWCA Theatre Group, a play and presentations by nationally prominent speakers.

"We feel that different cultural events and programs are important components of our Martin Luther King Jr. celebration this year," said Cleckley. "In the past we have held the traditional march and church service but we would like to do more to celebrate the life and work of Dr. King and to give people more opportunity to participate."

The symposium planning committee, co-chaired by Dr. Rainey Duke, professor of English at Marshall, and Michael Thomas, president of the local NAACP chapter, is composed of community leaders and Marshall University faculty, staff and students. Cleckley said the committee hopes to accomplish the following objectives through the program:

--To encourage students, teachers and community residents to identify and address issues and questions about inequality, human rights and social justice.

--To increase knowledge and perspectives about Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and his value to society.

Percy Lee Galloway dies

Percy Lee Galloway, 85, of Kenova died Monday, Dec. 26, at his home.

Galloway served as manager of the Marshall University Bookstore for 41 years before retiring.

He was born Dec. 24, 1909, in Wayne County, a son of the late James and Clara Keyser Galloway.

He graduated from Ceredo-Kenova High School in 1930 and attended Marshall. He was a past president of the MU Emeritus Club.

Survivors include his wife, Dexter Rife Galloway; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Lee and Robert Leslie of Ceredo and Mamie Jane and Donald Burdick of Durham, N.C.; two granddaughters, three grandsons and two great-grandchildren..

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students demonstrating financial need, many of the more highly qualified students do not meet the need requirements and there have never been enough academic scholarships to go around," Gilley said. "We believe the *West Virginians First!* program goes a long way toward resolving that situation."

In some cases, recipients of academic scholarships may also qualify for additional need-based financial assistance.

--To encourage commitment to social justice and new efforts to promote social justice for all.

--To improve intergroup relations.

The schedule includes the following:

Monday, Jan. 16

Noon to 2 p.m. **"An Investment in Leadership Forum"** featuring an open discussion between youth and community leaders at the Douglass Building Auditorium, 1448 10th Ave.

5 to 6 p.m. **"Rally and Traditional March"** starting at Huntington High School, 8th Street and 9th Avenue.

6:30 to 9 p.m. **"Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service"** with special guest speaker Judge Yvette McGee Brown of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch of the Franklin County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas, at the 16th Street Baptist Church, 1647 9th Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

10 a.m. **"Dramatic presentation on racism"** by high school students from the Wheeling YWCA Theatre Group at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

7 p.m. **"The Meeting,"** an award winning play about what might have happened had Dr. King met Malcolm X, at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

10 a.m. to Noon **"Race and Racism Seminar"** featuring Nathan Rutstein, a film producer and author of "Healing Racism in America: A Prescription for the Disease" in Marshall's Memorial Student Center Room 2W22.

All of the activities will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Multicultural and International Programs, 696-5430 or 696-4677.

Song will teach classes

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International Programs, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Center for International Programs, the College of Business and the College of Liberal Arts.

"We are very fortunate to have a scholar of Song's caliber and international experience serve as a visiting professor," said Gould. "He has practiced and written several books on international law and has taught at prestigious law schools in the United States and China. I am sure our students will benefit from his experience."

The Drinko Academy, established last April, is committed to fostering undergraduate education in American institutions, values and culture.

Gould said the academy will be hosting visiting professors, sponsoring Drinko Scholars and developing a variety of academic programs.

The academy was named in honor of John Deaver Drinko, a Marshall alumnus and nationally prominent attorney. Drinko and his wife, Elizabeth, have been consistent supporters of academic programs at Marshall and in 1987 established a distinguished chair in liberal arts.

King memorial service and rally planned

A rally and the traditional candlelight march and memorial service in observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday will be held in Huntington Monday, Jan. 16, beginning at 5 p.m. at Huntington High School, Eighth Street and Ninth Avenue, according to Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall University.

The activities are being held in conjunction with the second annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium being sponsored by Marshall University, the City of Huntington and the Cabell County/Huntington chapter of the NAACP.

Cleckley said the program symbolizes Dr. King's ideals and the great need for freedom, justice, equality and human dignity in the community, state, nation and world.

The rally will begin at 5 p.m. at Huntington High School and will be followed by the candlelight march. Participants will march to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church where the memorial service will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Judge Yvette McGee Brown of the Domestic Relations and Ju-

venile Branch of the Franklin County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas will be the guest speaker for the memorial service.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Brown is the first African-American and only the second woman to be elected to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. When elected to the court in 1992 at the age of 32, she was the youngest elected judge in Ohio.

Prior to taking the bench, Brown was a partner in the law firm of Turner, Wright and McGee and served as chief counsel to Ohio's adult and juvenile corrections agencies. She also served as an Ohio assistant attorney general.

Brown received her bachelor's degree in journalism/public relations from Ohio University in 1982 and her law degree from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1985.

She is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, the National Conference of Black Lawyers and various community organizations.

Brown has received numerous honors and awards for her public service and community work including the National Black Programming Consortium's Thurgood Marshall Award of Excellence. She also has been honored by the Police Athletic League of Columbus, the International Congress of Black Women, the Black Law Students Association and other organizations.

The winners of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award Competition also will be recognized during the program which will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Multicultural and International Programs, 696-5430 or 696-4677.

Author will be speaker

Nathan Rutstein, a nationally recognized film producer and author, will be the featured speaker for a "Race and Racism" seminar being held in conjunction with the area's second annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium on Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon in Marshall University's Memorial Student Center, Room 2W22.

The seminar, open to the public free of charge, is being sponsored by Marshall University, the City of Huntington and the local chapter of the NAACP.

Rutstein worked as a reporter for television stations in Philadelphia, Pa., and Minneapolis, Minn., from 1956 to 1961. He then moved to New York where he worked as a producer for WNEW-TV from 1961 to 1962. He served as foreign news editor for ABC Television from 1962 to 1964 and served as news editor for NBC Television from 1964 to 1970.

Between 1961 and 1967, Rutstein interviewed Martin Luther King Jr. on four occasions. During his news career he also covered Malcolm X.

Rutstein has produced a number of films including "Black and White in Springfield, Massachusetts," "Finding a Solution" and "Education S.O.S." for the White House Conference on Children.

He is the author of several books including "Healing Racism in America: A Prescription for the Disease," "He Loved and Served," "Spirit in Action," "To a Seeker," "Corinne True," "To Be One: A Battle Against Racism," "Winning Spiritual Battles," "Education on Trial" and "The Invisible Hand, Shaping the New World Order."

A graduate of Depauw University, Rutstein has lectured at more than 50 colleges and universities and has helped found more than 100 Institutes for the Healing of Racism in North America.

"We are fortunate to be able to get a speaker of Nathan Rutstein's caliber for our symposium," said Dr. Betty J. Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs at Marshall University. "He is a nationally recognized film producer and author and is in great demand as a guest speaker and lecturer."

To obtain further details about the "Race and Racism" seminar or the Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium contact the Marshall University Office of Multicultural and International Programs, 696-4677 or 696-5430.

MU campaign near goal

Marshall University's United Way campaign is just short of reaching its \$62,500 goal, according to Dr. Nell Bailey, chair of Marshall's campaign.

"Although United Way has met its goal, Marshall's campaign is exactly \$506.33 short of reaching its goal," said Bailey. "Please, if anybody has not made a pledge or donation, do so today."

She said Marshall's campaign will end Jan. 17. Pledge cards are available from Bailey, 696-6355, or by calling 696-3312.

Center needs envelopes

The Marshall University Computer Center needs large campus-mail envelopes, according to Virginia Keeney, program assistant in the center.

Offices and departments that have surplus large campus-mail envelopes can contact the center at 696-3222 to arrange to have the envelopes picked up.

Library schedule set

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

The library's regular operating hours for the spring semester will be: Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 10 p.m.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. LAWRENCE R. SCHMITZ, associate professor of chemistry, and former MU graduate student YI REN CHEN (MS 1993) have had a paper titled "Heats of Formation of Organic Molecules Calculated from *Ab Initio* Theory and a Group Equivalent Scheme: Alkenes" published in the Journal of Computational Chemistry.

Dr. DONALD J. CANNON, professor of pathology, recently made presentations titled "Increased Drug Toxicity in Aging," "Overviewing of Nutrition and Aging" and "Thyroid Disorders of the Elderly" at the annual meeting of the Association of Clinical Scientists held in Tampa, Fla. CANNON and Dr. HOWARD

'The Meeting' to be held

"The Meeting," an award-winning play about what might have happened if Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had met Malcolm X, will be presented Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in Marshall University's Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The performance by the Pin Points Theatre of Washington, D.C., is being presented in conjunction with the second annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium being sponsored by Marshall University, the City of Huntington and the Cabell County/Huntington Chapter of the NAACP.

Pin Points Theatre's contemporary and historic adaptations have been highly acclaimed by the Smithsonian Institution, the Washington, D.C., Commission on the Arts and other organizations. Performances have been presented at more than 2,000 schools throughout the United States.

Ersky Freeman, founder of Pin Points Theatre, will portray Malcolm X. Jim Lucas, a nationally recognized Martin Luther King Jr. impersonator, will play King.

Freeman said the purpose of Pin Points Theatre is to utilize art to educate and entertain and to serve as an employment and training platform for both accomplished and aspiring artists.

"The Meeting," based on a book titled "Martin & Malcolm: A Dream or a Nightmare" written by Dr. James H. Cone, Briggs Distinguished Professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York, will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details about "The Meeting" or other activities associated with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium contact the Marshall University Office of Multicultural and International Programs, 696-5430 or 696-4677.

Letter of appreciation

Dear Marshall Faculty and Staff:

On behalf of Staff Council, I would like to thank the campus community for your support in donating food, toys and cash to help Huntington's City Mission bring Christmas joy to many of the less fortunate people of our city.

Cash donations amounting to \$375 were collected, providing the money to purchase twins Joseph and Matthew and their brother Dennis the bicycles they asked for from Santa.

Again, many thanks for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Sherry Brooks
Service Committee Chair

QUITTNER, professor of pathology, made a demonstration-presentation on "Measurement of Serum Components by Immuno-precipitation Assay" during the meeting.

Dr. LYNNE WELCH, dean of the School of Nursing, recently presented a paper on "Strategies for Outcome Evaluation" in Nashville, Tenn., during an Academic Affairs Administrators meeting that focused on evaluation. WELCH has been elected treasurer of the Southern Region Academic Affairs Administrators organization. She also serves as chair of the organization's National Research Committee.

Dr. WILLIAM J. RADIG, professor in the Division of Accountancy and Legal Environment, co-authored an article titled "Employee Crime: The Cost and Some Control Measures" which was published by the Business Research Institute in the winter 1994 issue of the Review of Business.

Dr. MICHAEL R. MOORE, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, recently presented an invited seminar at the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown. The seminar was titled "Evidence for a functional progesterone response element in the human c-myc gene."

MILDRED BATTLE, assistant professor in the Developmental and General Studies Division of the Community and Technical College, was elected to the West Virginia Community College Association's Executive Board during the association's fall meeting held recently at Canaan Valley. BATTLE also was elected president of the West Virginia Association for Developmental Education at that organization's annual fall conference held recently at Buckhannon. She will preside over the West Virginia state/regional meeting and the strategic planning session at the 19th annual conference of the National Association for Developmental Education scheduled Feb. 22-26 in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. F. DAVID WILKIN, dean of the Community and Technical College, was elected president of the West Virginia Community College Association. His term began during the association's fall conference held recently at Canaan Valley State Park. WILKIN formerly served as president of the association in 1989.

Russian orchestra to perform

The Russian National Orchestra will perform for the Marshall Artists Series (MAS) Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

This is the first American tour for the orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Mikhail Pletnev.

The Russian National Orchestra is the first independent orchestra in Russia since 1917. All orchestras during the Communist regime were run by the state. Many of the country's finest musicians were attracted to the orchestra by Pletnev's reputation and what the new orchestra symbolized.

Pletnev's hand-picked 100-member orchestra gave its first concert Nov. 16, 1990, in Moscow. A second concert was demanded on the spot by the audience. The orchestra now regularly performs for standing-room-only audiences.

The program is part of the MAS Baxter Series and is being co-sponsored by Ashland Oil Inc. and the Tri-State Arts Council. Tickets will be \$30, \$26 and \$22.

Tickets will be free for full-time Marshall students and half-price for part-time MU students and faculty and staff. To obtain tickets or further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office, 696-6656.